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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in
the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Father of Light,
from whom every good gift comes,
send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind...
And by the flame of your wisdom,
open the horizons of our minds.
Loosen our tongues to sing your praise
in words beyond the power of speech,
for without your Spirit
we could never raise our voices
in words of peace
or announce the truth
that Jesus is Lord!



The collection for Sunday, May 29, 2022 was:

\$ 4172.00 donations in church
2365.14 online donations
\$ 6537.14 donations.

Thank you for your continuing support of St. Thomas More Parish.

“If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My Face**, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*



Stewardship Corner: Pentecost Sunday Positive Stewardship

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. **As Stewards we should pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to**



guide our thoughts, words and actions. *What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.*



From the Pastor's Desk Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

Today in the Catholic Church we celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**.

Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning “fiftieth day.” In the Jewish tradition, *Shavuot* or the *Feast of Weeks* celebrated the time between Passover and the giving of the Law (*Torah*) to Moses on Mt. Sinai, a period of 50 days. It was the Hellenistic (Greek) Jews who referred to this feast as *Pentecost*.

In the Christian tradition, however, the meaning is different. Fifty days after *Easter*, Christians celebrate *Pentecost* as the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles (See Acts 2: 1-41). Pentecost has been referred to as the *birthday of the Church*.

Knowing the history of the Apostles and their actions/reactions to the Passion and Death of Jesus is significant here. **Judas** betrayed Christ and then hanged himself (Mt. 27: 3-10). Out of fear, **Peter** denied Christ (Mt. 26: 69-75). Also out of fear, all of the other Apostles (Mt. 26:56), except for **John**, fled from the cross. Yet, after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, **Peter**, acting as the spokesperson for the other Apostles, addressed the crowds fearlessly:

You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. (Acts 2: 22-24, 32, 36)

Obviously, something significant changed Peter and the other Apostles. First, they experienced the Risen Lord Jesus. They saw that He was *alive* despite everything that was done to torture and kill Him. **He is alive**. Next, they were filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. They received supernatural gifts to strengthen them with their mission of preaching, teaching and witnessing to Christ's Resurrection.

I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit can be responsible for the growth of the Church *against all odds* from its seemingly impossible beginnings to become a Church of over a billion today *worldwide*, can we underestimate what that same Spirit can do to *renew the face of the earth*? Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength. Pray for the **gifts** (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) and **fruits** (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity) of the Holy Spirit to be more fully present in your lives.

Don't ever underestimate what the Holy Spirit can do if we invite Him into our lives (give Him permission) daily.

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

Ministry Schedule for June 11/12

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Terri	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Len	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Choir Len	M. Garber	J. Johnson	



Religions of all times have had three common components: mystery, sacrifice, relationship. **Mystery** has to do with the unknown, that which requires faith, effort in getting to know the “GOD” toward whom we direct our attention and belief. The aspect of **sacrifice** has been present in many forms. For us Catholics, the term sacrifice is “offering of something to God” as a tribute of our faith and love. Offering of something as a sacrifice is usually tied with our needs and request for help, as we live this journey we call “LIFE”.

Ultimately, knowing and serving God is about “**relationship**”. In Holy Scriptures we find lots of “mystery and sacrifice” We also find that God so much has desired a relationship with the Human Family, individually as well as collectively. “For we are the Temple of the living God just as God said. “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God and they shall be my people). (2 Cor, 6:16) As we are completing this liturgical year time of LENT and EASTER, we find in JESUS all of the above. As a human being he experienced our own struggle of getting to know GOD’s will.

JESUS, was fully aware of the price of truth, justice, honesty, and open relationship with the Father.

He made the ultimate sacrifice of the CROSS to show us the way of believing. But before that he left us HIMSELF in the Eucharist. YES, in the Eucharist we find Mystery, Sacrifice and Relationship. God in JESUS wishes to **live in, with and through us**. What an AMAZING MYSTERY, SACRIFICE, RELATIONSHIP! How are we responding? How do show our children to live in mystery, to accept sacrifice and to entertain a “relationship with JESUS in the Eucharist? Attending Mass and receiving Communion regularly is the “source and summit’ of our Faith.



A Prayer for Youth and Young Adults

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,
to you we turn in humble prayer.
Look with favor upon all young people, the bearers
of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion
of youth and young adults,
bless the paths of discovery and discernment,
through times of joy and experiences of hardship,
with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts
of all your people, grant that we may
“journey together, young and old...to nourish our
enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge,
waken prophecies and enable hope to blossom”

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind,
open our hearts to encounter all young people,
to accompany and be in community together,
and as one Church, to embark upon our holy
mission.

Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the
Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and
be with us forevermore.
Amen.



PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JUNE 4

4:30 PM **Ralph Vance** r/b Helen Protzman

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 AM **Norbert "Bobby" Cruz**
r/b Ruben Alvarez

11:00 AM **Gayle Beaney Clower** r/b family

MONDAY, JUNE 6

9:00AM **Patrick Kurlej** r/b Pat & Jim Beaney

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00AM **Ron Kramer** r/b Gerri Boyle

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

9:00AM **Aida Cabrera** r/b John & Letty Duffy

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 AM **Dick Haughwout** r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 AM **Jack Kenny** r/b Erlam family

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

4:30 PM **Fred Petrone** r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:30AM **Marie Anne Fonseca** Dr. & Mrs. Roman

11:00AM **Ralph Vance, Jr.** r/b Pauline Montes

Pope Francis' June Prayer Intentions

For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work. This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. To date we have received 104 contributions in the amount of \$52,071 which is 58.1% of our goal.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Audrey Johnson, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

Holy Land Christian Art Olive-wood Handcrafted from the Holy Land here on the Weekend of June 25/26.

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Is it too soon to be thinking about Christmas gifts?

Join Bishop Sullivan and the Parishes of the Diocese of Camden in a Candle Light Eucharistic Procession



June 18, 2022 8:00 PM on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. (Begins at Boardwalk and Tennessee)

All those interested in representing St. Thomas More parish, please call the Office. 856-424-3212.

**For more information:
Eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org
#ERSJ**

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Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

The Gospel for The Most Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016 - John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Commentary:

The Gospel reading emphasizes the work of the "Spirit of truth" in the Christian community. Jesus is about to leave his disciples and is making provision for their future. The "Spirit of truth" will guide them throughout the centuries in their efforts to grow in understanding. A striking feature of this passage is its stress on the common working of Jesus, his Father and the Spirit of truth. They possess in common; they act in common. What can the Holy Trinity teach us about community and relationships?

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Commentary resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: During WWII, people could not believe that anything as horrible as the mass murders of millions of people was taking place. They had to be confronted with the evidence. Likewise today people cannot believe how hideous abortion is until they are allowed to see the evidence of it. And to date surgical abortion has killed over **64 million babies just in America.**



**Miraculous Medal Novena
In the Chapel
Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass
All are welcome to attend.**

Report Sexual Abuse

An independent toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and /or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker, In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information, or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-954-6588.



Gun Violence in the US

Gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the US—killing more than 38, 000 people each year and injuring more than 85, 000 each year . The US has had more mass shootings than the next 10 countries combined. (Center for Health Progress)

So far in 2022, there have been 27 school shootings. 83 people have been killed or injured. (Education Week)

"It is time to say 'enough' to the indiscriminate trafficking of weapons. Let us all make a commitment. Let us all make a commitment so that tragedies like this cannot happen again."
Pope Francis

St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry *"Journeying Through Grief"*

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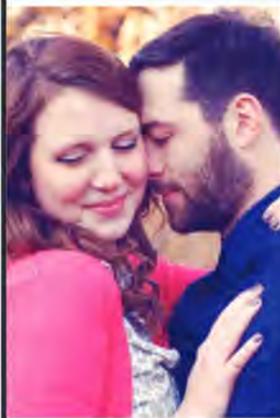


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